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The Honorable James Joseph
 Undersecretary, Department of the Interior
 Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Undersecretary:

As you well know, I'm sure, many Marshallese Islanders in the Trust Territory are suffering from the effects of fallout on Rongelap and Etirik caused by U.S. nuclear tests on Bikini and Enewetak many years ago. These good people, understandably, do not trust the American doctors (Konrad Kotrady was a rare exception) employed by the Brookhaven National Laboratory who are treating them for sicknesses caused by the fallout.

The Marshall Islanders feel very strongly that the BNL doctors can't be relied upon. And why? How can American doctors be truly objective in their analyses of the Marshall Islanders' radiation-related illnesses when the BNL itself is funded by the country who bombed Bikini and Enewetak?

It is requested that doctors from Japan who've experience in treating the survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bomb blasts be hired to treat the Marshall Islanders.

Please use your good office to effect such a positive change in the medical treatment of the Marshall Islanders. In that way, the oft-proclaimed human rights policy of Jimmy Carter may take on a bit of objectivity.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. J. Kaufmann
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